



**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE
NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES**

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Chair: Luke Simpkins MP

Governance arrangements in the Indian Ocean Territories

Two experienced former public servants will discuss governance arrangements in the Indian Ocean Territories with federal Parliament's external territories committee.

The Administrator of the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT), Mr Barry Haase, will also appear before the committee to share his experiences and ideas on governance and economic development.

Committee Chair, Mr Luke Simpkins MP, said hearings are coming to an end for the inquiry into governance in the IOT.

"We've taken a lot of evidence on the prospects for economic development throughout the inquiry. We're interested to learn how the current governance model supports or inhibits that development, and to explore the merits of some of the alternative governance arrangements which have been suggested, such as incorporation of the IOT into a state or territory," Mr Simpkins said.

PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday 3 December 2015

Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra

10:05 am	Chair's opening statement
10:10 am	Mr Julian Yates
10:35 am	Mr Stephen Clay
11:00 am	Mr Barry Haase (by teleconference)

All members of the public are welcome to observe proceedings.

The hearing will be webcast at www.aph.gov.au/live

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